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NATIONAL RESOURCES.

The question of the conservation
of our national resources is probably
the most important one before this
country today. For decades, a few
far-sighted men have been sounding
the danger signal but seemingly in
vain. It is only within the last few
years that any public interest has
been aroused.

But now the American people seem
to have taken hold of the subject in
earnest. The newspapers are filled
with articles upon the wanton de-
struction of our forests; the dam-
ages of forest fires are beginning to
be guarded against; the value of the
unused water power of the United
States is being figured on. In short,
we are finally taking stock of what
we have.

For many years the great forests
of Germany and other European
countries have been protected from
unskillful cutting. But other na-
tions have not been so wise. The
authorities tell us of the entire
change of the soil and climate of
Northern China because of denuding
that territory of trees.

President Roosevelt has made one
more step in advance on this ques-
tion. After having held the great
meeting of last May of the Govern-
ors of the several States, and the
recent Congress in Washington, he
has now invited the governments of
Canada and of Mexico to join with
the United States in the movement.
He has commissioned Gifford Pin-
chot, chairman of the National Con-
servation Commission and Chief For-
ester of the United States to ask the
Governor General and Premier of
Canada and President Diaz of Mex-
ico to name representatives to meet
with ours at the White House on Feb-
ruary 18 next.

Such body can have no admin-
istrative capacity, but it can dis-
cuss ways and means and recom-
mend action, and above all, it will
help to enlighten still further intelli-
gent public opinion in favor of taking
action.

The News publishes from time to
time articles on this subject and will
continue to do so. We are on the
borders of the mountains of Eastern
Kentucky, which are filled with untold
tons of iron ore and coal and covered
with billions of feet of uncut timber.
These great natural resources will be
opened up in the next decade. It is of
paramount importance to Kentucky
that this great development will be
done intelligently and with an eye
single to the future prosperity of
the Commonwealth.

PRESIDENT CASTRO.

News comes from Caracas that
Acting President Gomez may demand
the extradition of President Castro
from Germany. It seems a pity that

nothing can stand in the way of the
fitting punishment of this Venezue-
lean dictator. For years he has ter-
rorized this South American Repub-
lic and has made his State a by-
word among the Nations of the world.
He has hesitated at nothing to gain
his ends. The killing or imprison-
ment of a citizen has counted for
little. It is said that his latest con-
tribution to the gaiety of Nations was
the following telegram sent to his
friends in Caracas when the report
reached Europe of the revolution in
Venezuela:

"To kill the serpent, crush the
head. Terrorize Caracas."

The only thing that can stand in
the way of America's full sympathy
with the attempt to take Castro back
to stand trial for his many crimes,
is the traditional position of the State
department of this country against
extradition for political offenses. It
is to be hoped that other crimes may
be proved against him, that will take
him out of this exemption. This po-
licy of America has made our coun-
try the refuge for thousands of brave
men who struggled for liberty and
freedom in the old world.

England and America aided in the
years that are past in keeping the
beacon light of liberty ablaze in Rus-
sia, in Germany, in Poland and
among other down-trodden and op-
pressed peoples.

Even now in this country there are
on trial before the United States
Commissioners, two men who have
fled from Russia and whose extra-
dition is sought by that country on
the ground that they are criminals.
Their defense is that they were mem-
bers of the Revolutionary party in
Russia engaged in warfare against
oppression and that therefore their
offenses are political. If the latter
fact is proven to the United States
Commissioners, they will be turned
loose and extradition will be refused.

But this position of the United
States is a two handed sword. It
may cut both ways. Our sympathies
may override our judgment to our
own detriment. We remember a case
on the Pacific Coast of this sort. Ten
Russians were brought to San Fran-
cisco on a steamer whose captain
reported that they had been picked
up in a dying condition on the high
seas in an open boat without food
or water. Their story was that they
were political prisoners who had es-
caped from the dreadful mines of
Shaghelien and that they had prefer-
red to risk death on the seas in a
small boat to endure the sufferings
of that island. The Russian govern-
ment demanded their extradition on
the ground that they were criminals.
Their story had excited such sym-
pathy in California, that they were
turned loose. Within a year, the en-
tire ten were in the jails of the Coast
States charged with nearly every
crime in the calendar from murder
and highway robbery down.

Let us have no false sympathy for
Castro. If he has committed crimes,
other than political against the laws
of Venezuela, let us hope that that
republic will succeed in getting him
within its boundaries and that he
may be given his full desserts.

OSCAR GARDINER IS KILLED BY FRIEND

Boys Are Hunting Rabbits and Gun
Goes off Accidentally.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 29.—A
tragedy occurred yesterday after-
noon about 3 o'clock, near Muir
Station, this county, when Oscar
Gardiner, aged 15, of Paris, but late-
ly living with his uncle, C. F. Gar-
diner, near Muir, was accidentally
shot and instantly killed by Russell
Coy, aged 16, son of Mr. William Coy
who lives on the farm adjoining the
Gardiner property, while out hunting.

From all reports the two boys were
out rabbit hunting, but as to whether
the gun went off accidentally or
whether Coy was aiming at a rabbit
could not be learned. The charge of
shot tore the back of Gardiner's head
completely off, killing him instantly.
The two boys were the only persons
present when the killing occurred but
there is no doubt manifested as to
the shooting being accidental. The two
boys were almost inseparable, and
young Coy is bitterly grieved over
the accident.

WILL OF MRS. ECTON ADMITTED TO PROBATE

Home Property on Corner is Left For
Life to Daughter, Miss
Laura Ecton.

The will of Mrs. Virginia Ecton
was probated in county court Mon-
day. She leaves her home property
at the corner of Washington and
Highland street to her daughter,
Laura, for life, and after her death,
it is to go to the other two children,
Mrs. E. S. Joutet and Dewese Ecton.

Should Miss Laura marry, then
upon the happening of such event,
her life estate in the whole shall
terminate and she shall take one-
third interest in the said real estate
in fee simple and the other two chil-
dren shall share at once each taking
their share in fee simple.

Miss Laura is also left \$1,250.00
which was Mrs. Ecton's portion of
the life insurance on her late hus-
band, W. H. Ecton, and all her house-
hold furnishings and all other per-
sonal property. The will is dated
May 16, 1899.

ONEQUA TRIBE, NO. 2 CHOOSE THEIR OFFICERS

M. E. Haggard is Made Sachem of
Red Men For Ensuing
Term.

Onequa Tribe, No. 2, Improved
Order of Red Men, at their regular
kindling of their Council Fire, Fri-
day night, elected the following offi-
cers for the ensuing term:
M. E. Haggard, Sachem.
Chas. L. Witt, Senior Sagamore.
W. T. Wood, Junior Sagamore.
Bee Tuttle, Representative.
C. E. Lyddane, Chief of Records.
J. C. Hamilton, Collector of Wam-
pum.
Gus Aldridge, Trustee.
Bee Tuttle, Representative.
Venard Owen, Alternate.
After the business session was
concluded refreshments were served
and the evening closed with a smoker.

WINCHESTER LODGE ELECTS ITS OFFICERS

Masons Chose Men Who Will Lead
Them For the Ensuing
Year.

Winchester Lodge, No. 20, F. and
A. M., elected the following officers
for the ensuing year Monday night:
D. S. Haggard, W. M.
B. S. Bartlett, S. W.
W. W. Clark, J. W.
J. W. Wheeler, Treasurer.
J. A. Boone, Secretary.
J. E. Bodkin, S. D.
L. D. Hastings, J. D.
Rev. C. E. Crafton, Chaplain.
J. N. Renaker, M. D. Royce, Stew-
ards.
E. G. Baxter, Tyler.
Dr. Glenmore Combs, Trustee.

MASONIC LODGES ELECT THEIR OFFICERS

W. H. Cunningham and Right Angle
Lodges Met on Last
Saturday.

W. H. Cunningham Lodge No. 572,
F. and A. M., Saturday chose the
following officers:
Joe Jones, Worshipful Master.
W. E. Poe, Senior Warden.
W. T. Bunch, Junior Warden.
E. C. Brandenburg, Treasurer.
J. B. Pharis, Secretary.
Isaac Wiler, Junior Deacon.
E. E. West, Senior Deacon.
H. C. Butler, W. D. Rupard, Stew-
ards.
Jas. S. Haggard, Tyler.

Right Angle Lodge.

Right Angle Lodge No. 233 at its
meeting Saturday chose the following
officers:

Richard H. Cooper, Worshipful
Master.
J. D. Reeves, Senior Warden.
Ben McKinney, Junior Warden.
F. M. Stone, Secretary.
B. C. Fox, Treasurer.
B. T. Fox, Senior Deacon.
Ben Hudson, Junior Deacon.
G. W. Everman, Tyler.

Real Love as a Boon.

Love temporarily obscures the glass
of vanity. To be accurate, it takes the
quicksilver off the back and turns it
into a window pane through which we
are able to see far beyond the per-
sonal reflection to which it was once
dedicated exclusively. Therefore, any
real love, since it widens the horizon
line of the lover, is an infinite boon,
whether he wins or loses the object
of his heart.

CLAYTON WANTS MINORITY BILL

Caucus Chairman Aims Tar-
iff Views.

HAS CONFIDENCE IN CLARK

Says It is Not Sufficient For Demo-
cratic Congressmen to Assume At-
titude of Simple Negation and
Merely Oppose What Republicans
Offer—Party Must Be Constructive
as in Times of Polk and Jackson.
Germany Seeks Alliance.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Henry D.
Clayton of Alabama, chairman of the
Democratic caucus of the house of
representatives, expressed his views
as to the Democratic attitude in the
proposed revision of the tariff.

"I have the most implicit con-
fidence in the capacity of Champ Clark
and his Democratic associates of the
ways and means committee," said Mr.
Clayton, "and would have no particular
invasion of their appointed jurisdiction
to speak for my party in committee
deliberations on the tariff. Indeed, I
would vote for any revenue measure
they might propose, but as a Demo-
crat and representative of a constitu-
ency oppressed by the exactions for
private interests of the Dingley
law, I do not believe it impertinence
on my part to offer some suggestions.

"In my opinion, it is not sufficient
for the Democrats in the next con-
gress to assume an attitude of simple
negation and merely oppose what the
Republicans offer. We must formu-
late an entire tariff bill, covering
every schedule from agates to zinc,
and go to the committee of the whole
with it, champion it, demand revision



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on its every schedule, and ask for the
yeas and nays on it in the house.
The bill should be carefully consid-
ered in principle and detail; in short,
it should be a measure we can go to
the country on. The Democrats are
unexcelled to kick things to pieces;
let us show that we can put things
together as the old party did in the
time of Jackson and Polk. We can
do it."

There are indications that Ger-
many will be among the first of the
European countries to seek advan-
tage of an arrangement with America
to secure minimum tariff rates under
the terms of the new tariff act which
is expected to be passed at the spe-
cial session of congress, to follow
close upon the adjournment of the
present regular session, March 4
next. Count Von Bernstorff, the new-
ly arrived German ambassador, who
will arrange with Secretary Root for
his presentation to President Roose-
velt, as ambassador from Germany,
succeeding the late Baron Speck von
Sternberg, is believed to have been
thoroughly equipped by consultation
with the German foreign office and
customs officials before his departure
from Germany to undertake this task.

MATCH IS ARRANGED

Seattle Physician to Meet Winner of
Kaufmann-Barry Fight.

Los Angeles, Dec. 29.—The Jeffries
Athletic club has made definite ar-
rangements to stage a heavyweight
boxing match between the winner of
the Kaufmann-Barry fight here tomor-
row night, and Dr. B. F. Roller, the
Seattle athlete. The bout, which will
be staged Jan. 26, will be for 25
rounds, and the boxers will receive
50 per cent of the receipts, to be
split, 75 per cent to the winner and
25 to the loser. The match was set-
tled when Dr. Roller deposited \$1,000
at Seattle. The money is a forfeit
for nonappearance, and will go as a
side bet. Both Kaufmann and Barry
have agreed to the match, and the
winner will deposit his forfeit within
a few days after the fight.

Spreckles Laid to Rest.

San Francisco, Dec. 29.—The fu-
neral of the late Claus Spreckles took
place from the residence of the fam-
ily, where hundreds of friends had
called to pay tributes of respect. A
brief service was conducted by the
Rev. Julius Fuendeling of St. Mark's
Lutheran church. The remains were
then carried to a funeral car and
taken to the Spreckels mausoleum in
Cypress Lawn cemetery.

CASTRO'S BROTHER LEAVES

At First Reported to Have Joined
Fortunes With Gomez.

Willemstad, Curacao, Dec. 29.—The
United States cruiser Des Moines
came into this port. The Des Moines
was in communication with another
American war vessel about five miles
outside the harbor. The second war-
ship is believed to have been the
cruiser North Carolina, and after the
two vessels separated she proceeded
west.

Reliable information has reached
here that Gen. Celestino Castro, the
former president's brother, who was
stationed in Caracas in command of
Venezuelan troops and who was re-
ported to have gone over to the side
of President Gomez, has crossed the
Colombian frontier and is expected to
reach Cucuta, Colombia, very soon.
Several others among the Castro ad-
herents have also taken their depar-
ture from the country.

Receiver For Liquor Dealers.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 29.—Giving as
a reason that their business is being
run at a loss on account of the prohi-
bition wave, a receiver was applied for
for the Lskhouse Brothers, wholesale
liquor dealers. Application for such
action was made by Elmer M. Eck-
house, a member of the firm, and At-
torney Benton Oppenheimer was ap-
pointed receiver.

TEN KILLED WHEN BRICK WALL FALLS

Alabama Blast Furnace Scene
of Frightful Catastrophe.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 29.—Two
dead bodies have been recovered and
eight more are known to be buried in
an immense cave-in of a trench at
the blast furnace at Ensley. Several
other laborers were injured, as also
were two foremen who were super-
intending the work. Most of the
dead are foreigners.

The bodies are being recovered
with difficulty because of the large
amount of gas which is pouring into
the excavation from the furnaces.
The men were working in a large
trench about 8 feet below the surface.
They were excavating for the gas
flue which is to connect the blast
furnace with the new battery of
boilers.

NINE KILLED IN WRECK

Work and Freight Trains Crash On
Montana Railroad.

Great Falls, Mont., Dec. 29.—As the
result of a collision between a freight
train and a work train on the Great
Northern, nine men are dead and a
number of others badly injured.

The collision occurred at Mid-Can-
yon, about 40 miles south of Great
Falls. The work train was carrying
men engaged on dredge work for the
company, and with one exception all
the men killed were carpenters. The
dead so far as known: N. L. Head-
line, carpenter of Faribault, Minn.;
H. C. Morrissey, brakeman, home in
Pennsylvania; J. J. Fuller carpenter;
Charles Peterson, carpenter; M. W.
Beal, carpenter.

Train Wrecker Confesses.

Roanoke, Va., Dec. 29.—West
Grubb, a negro, wanted for attempt-
ing to wreck passenger trains on the
Norfolk & Western railroad on three
different occasions within the past
three weeks, was arrested near
Wytheville, not far from the scene of
the attempts. Grubbs was brought to
Roanoke. He made a confession cover-
ing four attempts to wreck the
same train, the Chattanooga and
Washington Limited.

RANCH MERGER PLANNED

James J. Hill Said to Be Behind
\$75,000,000 Texas Land Deal.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 29.—According
to private dispatches received in this
city, a merger of Texas ranches in
the territory penetrated by the Colo-
rado & Southern is being formed and
will comprise 7,000,000 acres of land,
worth \$75,000,000. James J. Hill, who
secured control of the Colorado &
Southern, is named as the interest
behind the move.

Alleged Bunco Steerer Disappears.

South Bend, Ind., Dec. 29.—Judge
Van Fleet forfeited the \$5,000 on
which William Fleming was held to
answer in the superior court on the
charge of conspiracy, bunco steering
and receiving stolen property. Flem-
ing is accused of engineering a fake
wrestling match by which W. J.
Springborn of Cleveland, O., was
bounced out of \$10,000.

THE MEAT OF IT.

The Sultan of Turkey has an-
nounced that he will at his own ex-
pense build a new parliament house.
Senor Barrios, Guatemalan minis-
ter, severely injured in an auto
wreck at Washington, is sufficiently
recovered to leave the hospital.

The first annual meeting of the
American Institute of Chemical Engi-
neers is in session at Pittsburgh.
Gifford Pinchot has left Washington
with invitations for Canada and Mex-
ico to take part in the next national
conservation conference at Washing-
ton, Feb. 18, 1909.

Captain Milton Humes, a cotton
mill owner of Huntsville, Ala., is
dead.

ATLANTA DATE ANNOUNCED

President-Elect Taft to Deliver Mes-
sage to Entire South.

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 29.—Atlanta is
to possess President-elect Taft from
1 o'clock Friday, Jan. 15, to 3 o'clock
the next day. The big feature of the
visit is to be a banquet Friday night,
at which Mr. Taft will be the chief
speaker. About 100 southerners will
attend the dinner, that every section
of the south may be represented. The
Taft visit is to be made the occasion
of an elaborate celebration, when it
is hoped to give the president-elect an
opportunity to deliver a message to
the entire south under appropriate
conditions.

Mr. Taft announced that his stay
on the Isthmus of Panama would be
limited to one week. While there he
will be the guest of Colonel Goethals
at his residence at Culebra. Mrs. Taft
will accompany her husband on the
trip, and with him will also go six
civil engineers.

A special train will be at the dis-
posal of Mr. Taft and party while on
the isthmus. He expects to spend
much of this time at the site of the
Gatun dam, as the principal work of
the engineers with him is to ascer-
tain the adequacy of the natural
foundations for this structure.

From New Orleans, on his return
from Panama, Mr. Taft will go direct
to Cincinnati, where he is to be the
guest at a banquet on Feb. 19, given
by the promoters of the Taft Citizens'
clubs.

THIEVES WORK IN GLARE OF GAS JET

Secure \$35,000 From Safe In
New York Jewelry Store.

New York, Dec. 29.—A remarkably
daring safe robbery was reported by
Oscar C. Jackie, a jeweler, whose
place of business was entered and
looted of \$5,000 in cash and \$20,000
in jewelry.

The burglars, who must have taken
several hours in accomplishing their
purpose, entered the Jackie establish-
ment by way of the cellar, after
wrenching 12 steel bars from the cel-
lar window and sawing an opening in
the floor of the store. After vainly
attempting to bore through the steel
door of the safe, which stood under
a lighted gas jet in plain view of the
street, they managed to pry the com-
bination dial from the safe, and
through the small opening left manip-
ulated the bolts and levers so as to
release the lock.

After riving the safe of its contents
the burglars carefully replaced the
combination dial and departed, leav-
ing no evidence of their work. It was
only when the dial fell off in the
hands of Jackie as he was preparing
to open the safe that any intimation
was had of the robbery.

Primary Law Upheld.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—The validity of
the Illinois district primary law was
again upheld, this time by Judge
Mack in dismissing a petition for an
injunction to prevent the payment of
salaries to judges and clerks of the
primaries of Aug. 8.

Fleet Passes Aden.

Aden, Arabia, Dec. 29.—The 16 bat-
tleships composing the American bat-
tleship fleet under command of Rear
Admiral Sperry, which is cruising
around the world, passed this port,
bound for Suez.

Georgia Banker.

Macon, Ga., Dec. 29.—Richard W.
Johnston, vice president of the Ameri-
can National bank of Macon and one
of the wealthiest men in the state, is
dead.

THE MARKETS.

Chicago.—Cattle: Steers, \$4 60@7 50;
cows, \$3 00@5 25; heifers, \$2 50@4 60;
bulls, \$2 75@4 50; stockers and feeders,
\$2 50@5 00. Calves—\$3 50@9 00. Sheep
and Lambs—Mixed sheep, \$4 50@4 75;
wethers, \$4 50@4 85; ewes, \$4 00@4 50;
Choice heavy shipping, \$5 10@6 12 1/2;
butchers', \$6 00@6 10; light mixed, \$5 45
@5 65; choice light, \$5 65@5 85; packing,
\$5 75@6 00; pigs, \$4 00@5 15. Wheat—
No. 2 red, \$1 04 1/2@1 05 1/2; Corn—No. 2,
57 1/2@57 3/4. Oats—No. 2, 49c.
East Buffalo.—Cattle: Export cat-
tle, \$6 00@6 75; shipping steers, \$5 60@
6 25; butcher cattle, \$4 75@6 25; heifers,
\$4 00@5 25; cows, \$2 75@5 00; bulls, \$3 50
@4 50. Calves—Best, \$9 50@9 75. Sheep
and Lambs—Mixed sheep, \$4 50@4 75;
wethers, \$4 50@4 85; ewes, \$4 00@4 50;
lams, \$6 00@8 00; yearlings, \$6 00@6 35.
Hogs—Heavies, \$6 25@6 35; mediums,
\$6 25@6 30; Yorkers, \$6 00@6 20; pigs,
\$5 60; roughs, \$5 50@5 75; stags, \$4 00
@4 50.

Cleveland, O.—Cattle: Prime dry-fed
cattle, \$5 25@6 75; fat steers, \$5 25@
5 50; heifers, \$3 50@4 50; cows, \$3 25@
3 50; bulls, \$2 25@3 00; milkers and
springers, \$25 00@60 00. Calves—\$9 50
down. Sheep and Lambs—Mixed sheep,
\$3 50@4 00; wethers, \$4 25@4 50; ewes,
\$3 75@4 00; lambs, \$5 50@7 65. Hogs—
Mixed, \$6 20@6 35; mediums, \$6 40;
heavies, \$6 40; Yorkers, \$6 00@6 05; pigs,
\$5 50; roughs, \$5 40@5 50; stags, \$4 25
@4 50.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Cattle: Choice, \$6 50@
7 75; prime, \$6 15@6 40; tidy butchers',
\$5 00@5 40; heifers, \$3 00@5 00; bulls
and stags, \$2 00@4 50; fresh cows, \$25 00
@50 00. Calves—Veal, \$6 00@9 50. Sheep
and Lambs—Prime wethers, \$4 75@5 00;
good mixed, \$4 20@4 65; lambs, \$5 00@
7 85. Hogs—Heavy hogs, \$6 25@6 30;
mediums, \$6 20@6 35; heavy Yorkers,
\$6 10@6 20; light Yorkers, \$5 75@5 90;
pigs, \$5 50@5 60.

Cincinnati, O.—Wheat: No. 2 red,
\$1 04 1/2@1 07 1/2; Corn—No. 2, 53 1/2@53c.
Oats—No. 2, 51 1/2@52c. Rye—No. 2, 73c.
Soy. Lard—\$9 20@9 25. Bulk Meats—\$9 00.
Bacon—\$9 62 1/2. Hogs—\$4 00@6 35. Cat-
tle—\$2 25@6 00. Sheep—\$1 25@4 15.
Lambs—\$4 00@7 50.

Toledo, O.—Wheat, \$1 05 1/2; corn, 63c;
oats, 52 1/2c; rye, 78 1/2c; cloverseed, 15c.